

## Message Text

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INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-04 H-01 INR-07 L-03  
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FM AMCONSUL ALEXANDRIA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 0565

INFO AMEMBASSY CAIRO IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: NA

TAGS: PINS, EG

SUBJECT: MOBS PROTESTING PRICE RISES

1. MID-MORNING MOB STARTED COLLECTING IN TAHRIR SQUARE, COMING  
PRIMARILY FROM SLUMS OF ATTARINE. RHYTHMIC CHANTING COULD BE  
HEARD AND SOME SMALL HAND-LETTERED POSTERS WERE BEING HELD ALOFT.  
SEVERAL THOUSANDS ALREADY IN SQUARE.

2. POLICE BLOCKED WEST SIDE OF SQUARE TO TRAFFIC. DIVERSION  
IS CREATING MASSIVE TRAFFIC JAMS ON ALTERNATIVE ROUTES.

3. ATTEMPTING TO SKIRT TROUBLE AREA, CONSUL GENERAL FOUND  
POLICE ALSO BLOCKING AREA ABOUT A MILE AWAY, JUST EAST OF SAAD  
ZAGLOUL SQUARE (SITE OF WHO OFFICES AND FORMER BRITISH CONGEN).  
MOB COULD BE SEEN CROWDING ENTIRE CROSSROADS WITH MAN STANDING  
ABOVE CROWD SHOUTING AND GESTICULATING. VISIBLE PORTION OF  
CROWD CERTAINLY ONE THOUSAND OR MORE.

4. CONGEN COMMERCIAL SPECIALIST SAID HE HAD NOT ANTICIPATED STREET  
PROTESTS FOR SEVERAL DAYS. HE FEELS THIS EARLY REACTION MAY SPELL  
SERIOUS TROUBLE IN DAY OR TWO. HE IS PROCEEDING INTO CITY TO  
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## Message Attributes

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